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My dear Mr. Barlow

Many thanks for your letter of the 27th September. I note what you say regarding the Assigned Tract revenue and I hope you have carefully read the note I enclosed in my previous letter embodying the representations the Durbar have made to the Government of India in orally. I think you will see from that note that there is no intention whatever of cancelling any reasonable programme of betterment devised for the C. & M. Station. All we urge is that that programme has to be necessarily fixed so far as drainage and water-supply are concerned, in consultation with the Durbar as the Station already enjoys the benefit of a cheap and water-supply and electric installations through the Durbar. It is also urged that as the programme has not been sanctioned yet, the withholding of the surplus which accrued in previous years is not reasonable; and as regards the clear pronouncements referred to by you as having been made from time to time on the subject by the Government of India, I would again urge that the issues may be kept quite distinct in regard to the payment of the surplus annually which was promised, and the improvements and reforms in the C. & M. Station. I do not know what correspondence you exactly refer to when you state that the Government of India are to be the sole judge of the requirements of the Station. I am sure His Highness will be very apprehensive of the policy of the Government of India if it is formulated on that basis; and that is why he has been repeatedly urging for a declaration of policy in the matter. The requirements of the station both from the Civil as well as from the Military point of view may not be quite in harmony with His Highness' wishes as they have been represented from time to time and I doubt very much if the Durbar would agree to the proposition that the Government of India are to be the sole judge of the requirements of the Station. Further, I have already urged before you as well as before Sir John Wood and H.E. the Viceroy that the Durbar are as much interested in the sanitary improvements of the C. & M. Station as the Government of India may be, for, those improvements have to be carried out under a scheme of joint and parallel action by

both the administrations in the City as well as in the C x Station and as in the past, both the administrations will no doubt co-operate in a friendly spirit for the betterment of their respective areas. I hope you will very kindly bestow your earnest consideration on the reasons and arguments I have adduced in the note which I have already sent you and help His Highness' Government in their present difficulties which have arisen by the withholding of the surplus of the past two years.

The final reply of the Durbar to Mr.Bowley's latest communications on the Kannambady Arbitration has already been sent to Madras and we are waiting to hear that he has submitted the proposals to his Government. I hope you will see that any excuse for satisfying the Tanjore ryots who are now attempting to upset the award and ever the 1892 agreement as you say, should not justify the Madras Government in backing out of these informal negotiations; but if they honestly believe that they are going to get better terms by a new Arbitration, they are welcome to have it. All that we desire is that the matter should not be prolonged indefinitely and should be decided one way or the other. I have already explained to you that the Mysore Durbar have gone as far as they possibly could in the matter with a view to arrive at an amicable settlement and I can assure you that in the event of a fresh arbitration, they will fight as tenaciously as possible for the existing award and they have reason to believe that they have got a strong case.

We are going to Mysore for the Dasara on the 20th or 21st instant and hope to have the pleasure of meeting you and Mrs.Barton there; and I daresay we may have an opportunity of discussing pending topics during our stay there.

Yours sincerely,

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